What you can do with your ART HISTORY MAJOR

Art History Major Skills:

- **Analytical Thinking**
  You perform close reading and visual analysis and apply major theories of cultural analysis.

- **Critical & Creative Thinking**
  You assess arguments and evaluate the strength of visual and textual evidence, develop new and original arguments and viewpoints.

- **Communication**
  You articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written, oral, and visual communications to different audiences.

- **Consolidation of Knowledge**
  You read and analyze texts and artworks across time and geography to reach an understanding of the ways in which art and its meanings are rooted in culture.

- **Research**
  You find and filter information to determine the best sources, use evidence to support arguments, and formulate innovative research questions.

- **Cultural Competence**
  You understand art in terms of social and political contexts, respect cultural differences and alternative values.

Supplement Your Skills With:

- **Career & Self Development**
- **Teamwork**
- **Digital Technology Experience**
- **Research Experience: Honors Thesis or Independent Study**
- **Internships & Part-Time Positions**
- **Opportunities to Foster Professional Equity & Inclusion**

Chart Your Path Forward

- **Activate Your Handshake Account**
  for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

- **Explore Career Communities**
  to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

- **Get Career & Internship Advising**
  from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu
Put your Art History major to WORK

Frequent Alumni Job Titles:
1. Business Owner/Founder
2. Graphic Designer/Artist
3. Digital Marketing
4. President/Chief Executive Officer
5. Creative Director
6. Principal/Partner
7. Project Manager
8. Account Executive
9. Attorney
10. Director of Operations
11. Lecturer
12. Manager
13. Architect
14. Art Consultant
15. Communications Manager

Top Employers of Alumni:
1. Compass Real Estate
2. Milwaukee Art Museum
3. ADP
4. Brigham and Women’s Hospital
5. Coldwell Banker
6. Deloitte
7. Des Moines Art Center
8. Discovery Education
9. Epic
10. Gurr Johns (Art Appraisal)
11. Higinbotham Capital, LLC
12. Hindman Auctions
13. Lisson Gallery
14. Nike
15. Nordstrom
16. Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Recent Grads’ Career Plans
2016-2020:
75% Employment
25% Continuing Education or Grad School

Industry of Employment
2016-2021:
1. Arts & Entertainment
2. Information Tech
3. Marketing
4. Consumer Goods
5. Education
6. Hospitality
7. Media
8. Accounting
9. Consulting
10. Finance

Where Alumni Live & Work:
27% Wisconsin
14% Illinois
9% New York
8% California
4% Minnesota
33% Other

“While I ‘fell into’ fundraising, the skills I learned as an Art History major: research, analytical thought, creative and concise communication, and a sense of aesthetics serve me well as I work to connect philanthropists and institutions with the environmental and educational causes they are passionate about.”

Kelley Van Egeren, 1989
Director of Development & Stewardship
Aldo Leopold Nature Center
Madison, WI

“My art history major taught me how to conduct thoughtful and comprehensive research, synthesize ambiguous data, and share written and oral presentations. I use these skills daily when creating new proposals, assessing campaigns, and communicating effectively with my team.”

Jennifer Lien, 2019
Individual Giving Officer
Madison Children’s Museum
Madison, WI

Career Communities for Art History Majors
SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Art History majors can start.

- Communications, Entertainment & the Arts
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Non-Profit Management & Education

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.